



Odds and Ends from the Shed Tuesday, 2 October 2012

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Roller Door Breaks

Bad news today. Last week the roller door split into two pieces when being lowered. The landlord organised for the roller door people to inspect. They have now managed to get the door down, but say it is too dangerous to operate and the entire door needs to be replaced. This afternoon Garry, the landlord's building manager, is due to inspect and discuss with the roller door people on what should be done.

In the meantime the main roller door remains closed, but the little picket door can be opened and used. Our neighbours, Refugee Services are unable to load out some of the larger household items and we have lost the use of four car parks. Time to polish up the Gold Card.

We're Not Boring!

Some wife asked me "What do you guys talk about when you're at the shed. All men it must be very boring!" So today I took note.

It began with a dissertation from Robin on how to catch a fly in your hand.

Now that's one of those tricks you only get to see at the cinema when the elderly guru is teaching the young monk how to use speed to beat the bad guys.

The fly has some 4,000 eyes compared to our two and these enable him to look up down and sideways, but it has a "blindspot" at the back. So if you see a fly sitting on the table and come at him from behind, he may not see your hand approaching. When he does he tends to fly off forward and the speed of your approaching hand will be faster than his flight speed.

Apparently the main use of the 4,000 eyes to detect motion. So there is another theory that if you try to

swat the fly with two implements simultaneously you will confuse the motion detection and catch your fly.

Other subjects that kept our members amused this morning were a diversion into electronic high voltage fly zapping. An internal combustion engine using square pistons and the fact the Wall's Cornetto icecreams are imported from Italy, where they're made!

Now that wasn't boring was it?

The MenzShed is open to all Wellington men, but especially those in the older age group.

We offer a place where you'll find companionship, and a chance to revive your old skills, or learn new skills.

We help Kindergartens, Plunket, Refugee Services and other community groups by repairing and painting broken furniture. We have a great collection of tools.

We meet from 10 to 1pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 12 to 3pm on Wednesdays.

You will find us through the loading bay at the top of Feltex Lane which runs beside Warehouse Stationery in Victoria Street.

